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Notes from the Board Chair

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Aloha Everyone,

Neighborhood Board #5 is near the end of another year of servicing the communities of Diamond Head, Kapahulu, and St. Louis Heights. On behalf of the community, the Board **supported**: (1) the development of a Safeway-anchored shopping complex at the old Love's Bakery site without gas pumps, (2) the use of the site of the old Health Center next to Hawaiian Dredging on Kapahulu Avenue as a community center with public parking instead of commercial development, (3) the Diamond Head Crater Festival, and (4) The renovation of the University of Hawaii's Frear Hall, but with concern for the impact of parking in the nearby residential neighborhoods.

Previews presented include: the new storage facility at King and Old Waialae Road, modifications to the Zoo entrance, and real property tax laws taking effect in the next two years. **Capital improvements** suggested by the Board that have moved forward in the Legislature are: repair of the seawall and walkway from Elks to Coconut Avenue, implementation of a Visitor Center for Diamond Head State Monument, the Kapiolani Community College Culinary Arts Facility at the old Cannon Club, and development of a community center and parking lot at 538 Kapahulu Avenue.

Aloha,

Karen Ah Mai, Chair

Subdistrict 1. You have Their Complete, Undivided Attention

by Rt. Rev. Wayne Gau, SD1 Vice Chair (808) 737- 5654

The St. Louis Heights Community Association (SLHCA) has been around since the 1950's when most of this ridge was finally developed. Its original members were instrumental in establishing Kanewai (Dole St.), Kalaepohaku (Gulston St.) and Waahila (Ruth Pl.) parks. SLHCA got the city bus to make a special detour in its route to Hokulani Elementary School in the morning and afternoon for students living on the hill. From the 1950's to the '60's, SLHCA held annual Halloween and Christmas parties for the neighborhood youth and sponsored a baseball team. Countless times over, SLHCA has listened to and used its good offices for the neighbors who had questions and problems particularly with respect to municipal services and infrastructure. Its **St. Louis View** provides a point of contact between residents regarding what is happening in our neighborhood.

The good news is that SLHCA is still with us. It meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Hokulani School. The meetings are focused on St. Louis Heights issues so that problems involving this hill are promptly addressed.

Subdistrict 1 – St. Louis Heights. Karen Ah Mai (1997), Sharon Dumas (2005), Wayne Gau (1987), Barbara Miller (1999), Bert Narita (February 2004).

Subdistrict 2. Introducing 3 New Kapahulu Board Members and Other Information

by Bertha Nahoopii, SD 2 Vice Chair (808) 734-5793

With 28 years of NB 5 experience, **Bertha Nahoopii** continues to serve the Kapahulu community as the SD 2 Vice Chair. After his 1981 election, **Ken Chang** has worked to solve Kapahulu issues. **Art Ross** (1987 to 2005) did not seek re-election. **Patrick Skonecki**, Fairway House resident manager, served 6 years and moved out of the district. **Russell Fukuhara** served 2 1/2 years on the Board and was our O.M.P.O. Representative. O.M.P.O 's goal is to improve Oahu's transportation for the next 25 years. Fukuhara resigned in November 2005. **Joe Otto** is the current Board O.M.P.O. Representative. The Board selected **Rick Egged** (President, Waikiki Improvement Association) in June 2005. **George Waialeale** was selected to replace **Fukuhara**.

NB 5 Board passed a resolution recommending a Community Center with public parking on the Hawaii state property on Kapahulu Avenue. **Senator Les Ihara, Jr.** supports our resolution.

Construction of the new *Safeway grocery store* is anticipated to begin later this year. If you have any questions, please phone **Cindy McMillan (808) 543-3581**.

Watch for a new left turn signal to be installed at the intersection of Kapahulu, Date and Mooheau streets.

Subdistrict 2 – Kapahulu. Ken Chang (1981), Rick Egged (June 2005),
Russell Fukuhara (June 2003 – November 2005), Bertha Nahoopii (1977),
Joe Otto (2005), George Waialeale (November 2005)

Subdistrict 3. Diamond Head News by Roxie Berlin, SD3 Vice Chair. (808) 923-3384

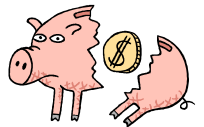
The three Board experienced women, **Roxie Berlin, Michelle Matson and Linda Wong**, were re-elected along with two new Board members, **Don Persons** and **Jay Harden**. **Christen Mitchell** served 8 years and did not seek re-election. **Steve Knauer** served 6 years and moved out of the district. We encourage **Eddy Kaimaiana Swain** and **Janis Turner** to continue their interest in Neighborhood Board #5.

At the March 2006 NB 5 board meeting, Council Finance Chair, **Ann Kobayashi** reported there is \$5 million in the budget to hire a consultant to study the Waikiki Natatorium. This study is different from a project by the previous Administration to repair the collapsing walls of the pool. The \$5 million for the Waikiki Natatorium study cannot be used for currently needed repairs, such as restrooms or roofs.

Subdistrict 3 – Diamond Head. Roxie Berlin (2001), Jay Harden (2005), Michelle Matson (1991),
Don Persons (2005), Linda Wong (Oct 1999)

Budgeting our Financial Resources by Bert Narita, Treasurer (808) 737-8813

We are in the third quarter of the current fiscal year and our expenses are within our allocation. Our projected allocation for the next fiscal year starting on July 1, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, is as follows: **Operating Budget - \$1520, Publicity Budget - \$1705, Refreshment Budget - \$120**. The summary of expenses is provided monthly at each scheduled meeting.



NB #5 Agendas & Minutes Distribution

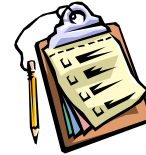
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NB Executive Secretary Appointments Update by Barbara Miller & Bert Narita

After being appointed by Mayors Fasi and Harris, Ben Kama retired with twenty years service. Kama had previously retired from the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Ben was re-elected to his Waimanalo NB 32 Board in 2005.

Baybee Hufana-Ablan was appointed by Mayor Hannemann and served nearly one year. Mayor Mufi transferred Hufana-Ablan to the Department of Emergency Services. Baybee continues her strong leadership role in the Hawaii -Philippine Centennial Celebrations.

Joan Manke was recently appointed as the acting NB Commission Executive Secretary. Joan worked for the late Congresswoman Patsy Mink for 12 years, including six as Mink's chief of staff. Most recently, she has been director of the medical staff services at St. Francis Medical Center.



2005 Neighborhood Board Survey Results

by Faye Kennedy & Barbara Miller (808) 732-6284

The 2005 survey results were published in the August 2005 minutes. SD 1 - St. Louis Heights – 53 responses, SD 2 – Kapahulu – 62 responses, SD-3 – Diamond Head – 75 responses, unknown SD (fax or e-mail) – 46 responses. Total – 236 responses

1. Do you support the use of public funds for “Sunset on the Beach?” a. Yes – 81, **b. No – 144**, c. No opinion – 14.
2. Do you favor restoring traffic lanes or removing trees in Waikiki now considered impractical or hazardous?
a. Yes – 129, b. No – 93, c. No opinion – 15.
3. Do you support the building of a Safeway in Kapahulu on the site of the former Love’s Bakery property?
a. Yes – 159, b. No – 53, c. No opinion – 27.
4. Do you support a ban on using cell phones, without a hands-free device while driving (except for emergencies)?
a. Yes – 192, b. No – 36, c. No opinion – 11.
5. Do you approve of Act 50, permitting a one-year ban on designated individuals (including the homeless) from beaches, public buildings and other specified public areas? **a. Yes – 132**, b. No – 75, c. No opinion – 32.
6. Do you favor more funds for treatment of first time, non-violent offenders addicted to “Ice” or other illegal drugs?
a. Yes – 155, b. No – 60, c. No opinion – 22.
7. Do you favor “Death with Dignity” legislation allowing the terminally ill to obtain a lethal dose of medication from doctors to end their lives? **a. Yes – 169**, b. No – 45, c. No opinion – 16.
8. Do you support legislation authorizing an increase in the excise tax to support mass transit?
a. Yes – 187, b. No – 138, c. No opinion.
9. Do you support the proposed Superferry project? **a. Yes – 160**, No – 40, c. No opinion – 37.
10. Do you support a “bottle law” requiring supermarkets and other retailers to process recyclables?
a. Yes – 170, b. No – 43, c. No opinion – 26.
11. Do you believe a gas cap law would lower the price of gas at the pump? a. Yes – 55, **b. No – 115**, c. No opinion – 26.
12. Suggestions or comments for your Neighborhood Board? **a. Doing a fine job**, b. Start at 7 p.m and finish at 9 p.m.,
c. Limit presentations to 10 minutes or less, Q & A to 5 minutes. Do not allow board or audience members to interrupt.

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If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the chair by e-mail or the Newsletter editor by phone.



Neighborhood Board No. 5 - June 2005 to May 2007

Subdistrict 1 – St. Louis Heights, Subdistrict 2 – Kapahulu, Subdistrict 3 – Diamond Head

Chair Karen Ah Mai - (standing center)

Seated - Barbara Miller (Secretary/Editor), Bert Narita (Treasurer), Roxie Berlin (SD3 Vice Chair), Wayne Gau (SD 1 Vice Chair), Bertha Nahoops (SD 2 Vice Chair), Joe Otto (OMPO).

Standing - Sharon Dumas, Jay Harden, Don Persons, Michelle Matson, Chair Ah Mai, George Waialeale, Rick Egged, Ken Chang, Linda Wong.



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